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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF BRAHMAN CATTLE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED URGENT QUERY FROM MOZAMBIQUE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DIRECTORATE FOR LIVESTOCK CONCERNING THEIR INTEREST IN PURCHASING 80-100 BRAHMAN BULLS IN US. MINISTRY RECEIVED JUNE 13 LETTER FROM RICHARD L. FORGASON, AMERICAN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, WHICH INDICATED ABBA'S WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WITH DETAILS RELATING TO PURCHASE. MINISTRY CABLED FORGASON AT 1313 LA CONCHA LANE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77054 ON JULY 1 AND EMBASSY POUCHED FOLLOW-UP LETTER FROM MINISTRY TO FORGASON JULY 5. TO DATE MINISTRY HAS NOT RECEIVED REPLY TO EITHER COMMUNICATION. TEXTS OF CABLE AND LETTER REPEATED BELOW.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE USDA FOLLOWING UP WITH ABBA AND CABLING RESPONSE TO EMBASSY MAPUTO TO ENABLE US RESPOND TO MINISTRY PRIOR TO AUGUST 3 DEPARTURE OF CARLOS HENRIQUES FOR CENTRAL AND NORTH AMERICA. HENRIQUES WILL BE IN US LATE AUGUST.

3. TEXT OF JULY 1 CABLE: WE REQUIRE 80 TO 100 BRAHMAN BULLS BETWEEN 18-24 MONTHS OLD TO ARRIVE MOZAMBIQUE OCTOBER.* WE NEED ASSISTANCE WITH DOCUMENTATION INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING AND EXPORTING THESE ANIMALS. IF ASSOCIATION
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DOES NOT HANDLE SUCH MATTERS, COULD YOU RECOMMEND AN AGENT YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE IN. WE WILL SEND FOR FINAL SELECTION BETWEEN AUGUST 25 AND SEPTEMBER 15 DR. CARLOS HENRIQUES, PURCHASING COMMISSION CHIEF, AND DR. HUGO DIAZ, PROFESSOR ANIMAL REPRODUCTION AT UNIVERSITY. DETAILED LETTER FOLLOWS. END TEXT.

4. TEXT OF JULY 5 LETTER: FURTHER TO OUR CABLE WE SENT TO YOU ON JULY 1ST, REGARDING YOUR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF BRAHMAN BULLS, I WOULD NOW LIKE TO GIVE MORE DETAILS TO OUR REQUIREMENTS.

WE REQUIRE 80 - 100 BRAHMAN BULLS BETWEEN 18 - 24 MONTHS OLD, TO ARRIVE IN MOZAMBIQUE IN OCTOBER.

WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR HELP ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

A) ASSISTANCE IN SELECTION OF BULLS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA WHICH WE HAVE LAID DOWN (SEE BELOW).

B) ASSISTANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION AND WITH ALL THE DOCUMENTATION INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING AND EXPORTING THESE ANIMALS. IF YOU DO NOT HANDLE SUCH MATTERS YOURSELVES COULD YOU RECOMMEND AN AGENT IN WHOM YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE, WHOM WE COULD CONTACT TO DO THIS FOR US.

C) INFORMATION ON THE PRINCIPAL FAMILIES AND LINES AVAILABLE THE NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF THEIR BREEDERS, AND YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH LINE. THIS IS TO ENABLE US TO MAKE PRELIMINARY SELECTION.

D) WE WOULD REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, IF POSSIBLE; ON ANY ANIMALS CONSIDERED: WEIGHTS AT BIRTH, WEANING AND 18 MONTHS, DAILY WEIGHT GAINS FOOD CONVERSION INDICES FERTILITY (I.E. OF THE PARENTS AND HERD GENERAL).

ALSO, SINCE WE ARE SELECTING ANIMALS FOR A MORE RUGGED ENVIRONMENT AND LOWER LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT THAN THEY PROBABLY ARE USED TO, WE WOULD LIKE AN OPINION ON THEIR PROBABLE ADAPTABILITY TO ADVERSE CONDITIONS AND, MOST

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IMPORTANT, ON THEIR TEMPERAMENT.

IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO GIVE A REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THEIR SEMEN, AND CLINICAL EXAMINATION OF THEIR GENITALS, THIS WOULD HELP, BUT THIS COULD BE DONE ON THE FINAL SELECTION BY OUR SELECTORS.

E) COULD YOU GIVE US THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A CONVENIENT BANK WITH WHOM WE COULD OPEN A CREDIT ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANIMALS.

F) WE WILL BE SENDING TWO VETERINARIANS TO THE FINAL SELECTION BETWEEN AUGUST 25TH AND SEPTEMBER 5TH., ONE OF WHOM WILL BE DR. HUGO DIAZ PROFESSOR OF ANIMALS REPRODUCTION AT THE UNIVERSITY HERE, THE OTHER DR. CARLOS HENRIQUES, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE PURCHASING COMMISSION. WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMODATION FOR THEM ON ABOUT 10 DAYS NOTICE. WE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE US AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY. END TEXT.

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